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SUBJECT: SNEIDER INTERVIEW WITH CHOU CHIEH

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1. HERewith TEXT OF SNEIDER INTERVIEW REPORT
AS FILED BY CHOU. CARBON COPY GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT
BY CHOU.

2. QUOTE. US DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS RICHARD SNEIDER SAID
TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH
ITS PRESENT RELATIONS WITH PEKING. HE RULED OUT FULL
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING IN
THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. SNEIDER MADE THE ABOVE STATEMENT WHEN HE RECEIVED
YEN YU- CHENG, VISITING ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR OF
CHINA TIMES, AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT THIS AFTERNOON.
YEN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY JACK CHOW, CHINA TIMES U. S.
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CORRESPONDENT. ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WAS ARTHUR ROSEN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR IN THE EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS BUREAU OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

4. IN A 30- MINUTE MEETING, SNEIDER TOLD YEN THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT RED CHINA WANTS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE US AT THIS TIME. HE

FELT THAT PEKING IS ALSO SATISFIED WITH ITS PRESENT RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON.

5. THE RANKING STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE US " HAS EVERY INTENTION OF NAMING A SUCCESSOR" TO RETIRING AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY WHEN HE RETURNS TO THE US. SNEIDER SAID THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TAIPEI, BUT HE ADDED, MCCONAUGHY' S REPLACEMENT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED YET.

6. SNEIDER IS CURRENTLY ACTING FOR GODLEY, NEWLY- APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, PENDING CONFIRMATION BY THE US SENATE.

7. YEN IS HERE FOR A MONTH- LONG VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF THE US STATE DEPARTMENT. UNQUOTE

8. EMBASSY MAY WISH AT ITS DISCRETION BRING TO ATTENTION OF CHINA TIMES AND/ OR INTERESTED GRC OFFICIALS DISTORTIONS OF INTERVIEW AS CARRIED IN PAPER. ROGERS

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